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How the government and private sector can better defend against a cascading cyberattack

The U.S. government and private sector need to be planning now for a cascading cyberattack on critical infrastructure by mapping out emergency authorities and supply-chain contingencies — lest they be caught off-guard during the real thing, a new study says.

Program Brings Computer Coding to Inmates in Oklahoma

The Last Mile, a nonprofit, launched the coding classes and graduated 500 students in correctional facilities across the country.

US government lays out strategy to speed up rural broadband deployment

More than 20 federal agencies have joined the American Broadband Initiative.

Massachusetts Women's College Receives Grant to Expand Cybersecurity, Tech Training

Bay Path University will use a \$1.6 million grant to educate more women in adaptive learning technology and predictive analytics, with the goal of enrolling them in a tech-driven workforce.

\$109 Million in DoT Emergency Call Center Grants Available

The 911 Grant Program will provide emergency call centers around the country with grants to upgrade technology and resources that enhance public safety operations.

NTIA Partners With States on New Broadband Maps

The National Telecommunications & Information Administration said it is collaborating with eight states to update and expand its national broadband availability map.

Over Half of Companies Are Upping Spending on IT Security: eSecurity Planet Survey

Driven by fear of data breaches and new privacy regulations, such as Europe's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), large enterprises are spending aggressively on IT security measures, according to eSecurity Planet's newly released 2019 State of IT Security survey.

Rural download speeds are worse than reported, Microsoft study says

Nearly three-quarters of the downloads hitting Microsoft servers from nonmetropolitan counties are so slow they don't meet the FCC definition of broadband. Microsoft's county-level data shows a big gap between what the federal government says is available and what people actually use.

Noonlight Brings Caller Information to 911 Dispatch for Free

A mobile app sends 911 a message with location and other personal data from connected IoT devices, automatically giving responders information in place of the user making a phone call.

Bad Winter Weather in Illinois Rekindles Debate over Remote Learning

Weather extremes like the recent polar vortex have prompted a few suburban school systems to rely on remote learning as an alternative to canceling class and giving students snow days.

We Need a National Rural Broadband Plan

The government has given a lot of money to major telecommunications companies without much regulatory accountability.

Rural Electric Cooperatives: The Digital Divide's Salvation

These not-for-profit businesses have the skills, assets and long-term strategies that make them the right solution to our rural broadband deficit.

There's business in the basics as corporate America embraces opsec apps

New evidence suggests corporate America is embracing some of the basic cybersecurity functions that the experts have advocated for years.

Over 96 percent of health systems plan to expand virtual care, new survey shows

Virtual health is slated for a major increase over the next 12 months, according to a new study.

Windstream installs fixed wireless tech to bring faster broadband speeds in Traer

Windstream has announced it has deployed fixed internet technology to deliver broadband speeds up to 100 megabits per second (Mbps) to homes in Traer, according to a release by the communications company.



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